(b) if so, what is the proposal of Government to implement this recommendation;

(c) what is the reaction of Government to this recommendation of the Press Commission; and

(d) what are the names of the dailies and widely circulated magazines and which are the big business houses owning the number of dailies and other periodicals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTNG (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) The Action Taken Report on the Recommendations of the Second Press Commission was laid on the Table of the House on 14.5 1986. The Commission emphasised the need for insulating the Press from the dominating influence of other business interests in order to enable it to become a vehicle of free thought and expression. The Commission suggested delinking of ownership of press from business houses and also stressed the need for diffusion of ownership and control of newspapers. While the Government appreciate the recommendations made by the Commission in this regard, the problem continues to evade solution due to legal, constitutional and other complexities involved.

(d) A statement is appended as per available information (*See* Appendix CXLIV Annexure No. 26].

Modernisation of Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd.

746. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited is in urgent need of modernisation;

(b) if so, whether necessary funds for its modernisation are being provided; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) There are proposals for revamping/modernisation replacement of Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd. (FACT) plants and a provision of Rs. 78.46 crores has been made in the VII Plan for such schemes.

(c) Does not arise.

Basic amenities to residents in Rohini

747. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO. Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the D.D.A. has allotted flats in the Rohini project without the construction of roads and provision of electric and water connections;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the area lacks in various other civic amenities including hospital in the area; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when these amenities are likely to be provided to the residents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Some of that flats were allotted with the idea that the water supply would be provided by M.C.D., but, due to delay, the individuals of the allotted flats were not given possession till the water supply is made available. The roads have been built where the flats have been constructed/under construction. External electrincation is available in all the sectors except in one pocket where due to change of drawings, the completion of the same got delayed and is likely to be completed within two months as intimated by DESU. Internal connections in all the flats can be provided as soon as they are occupied.

(b) and (c) The D.D.A have intimated that all the civic amenities, such as convenient shopping centres, schools, hospitals, post-offices etc. have

been planned in the area. The land has already been earmarked and handed over to the respective government agencies for taking up construction work in such a manner that these services become available to the residents as the occupation of the flats progresses.

Shifting of wholesale trade centres out of Delhi

748. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Capital Region Board has decided to shift the wholesale trade centres from Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is strong opposition to the shifting of these trade centres out of Delhi; and

(c) if so, what action Government are taking to relieve Delhi of the congestion caused due to the concentration of wholesale trade markets in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The Draft Regional Plan-2001 for the National Capital Region approved by the National Capital Region Planning Board and published for inviting public objections in August, 1987 envisages an approach of disincentives within Delhi and Delhi Metropolitan Area towns for those trades which are not directly consumed in Delhi and Delhi Metropolitan Area towns. It also envisages encouragement through incentives and concessions for shifting land development of those wholesale trades which are hazardous and space extensive in nature in Delhi to regional towns. The Draft Regional Plan approved by the NCR Planning Board has been published for inviting objections and suggestions. In response to the notice issued by the Board for inviting objections and suggestions, the New Delhi Traders Association, the Federation of Delhi Trade Associations and the Delhi Iron and Hardware Merchants Association have made suggestions regarding the implementation of the above policy. The question of setting up an Inland Container Depot at Tuglakabad to reduce the congestion at whole sale markets in Sadar Bazar and around it is being considered.

Study group meeting of the Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union

749. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study group meeting of the Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union was recently held in India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some important recommendations have been made by the Study Group regarding Asia Vision News exchange and the relationship between Asia Vision News and commercial news agencies; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and whether these recommendations have been accepted by all the participating countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Study Group recommended holding a trial for the hot switching system to facilities simultaneous feeding of visual material from transmission centres of 13 member countries in a row for exchange of latest coverages late in the evening every day All countries agreed to participate in the experiment of hot-switching which took place on the 10th and 11th November, 1987.

The other proposal accepted was the relation between Asia Vision and CNN, a Commercial Visual agency, which offered, on the one hand, to pay US $ 20,000 to Asia Vision for access of AVN items and on the other, to provide access to AVN of its own items in EURO Vision.